

2016

Town of Landgrove, Vermont

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 2016



TOWN MEETING

Monday, March 6th, 2017 • 6:00pm

Landgrove Town Hall

Useful Information

Landgrove Town Offices

Phone/fax:	(802) 824-3716
Email:	townoflandgrove@gmail.com
Mailing address:	88 Landgrove Road • Landgrove, VT 05148
Hours:	Thursdays, 9am - 1pm, or by appointment
Website:	landgrove.vermont.gov
Town Clerk:	Chrystal Cleary (802) 824-5394 (home)
Town Treasurer:	Andrea Ogden (802) 824-6318 (home)
Road Commissioner:	Steve Hall (802) 824-6622 (home)
Fire Warden:	Karl T. Pfister (802) 824-4663 (office)
Assistant Fire Warden:	Jeremiah Evarts (802) 683-0518 (for burn permits)
Select Board Chair:	John Ogden (802) 366-0317 (cell)

Community Resources

L'derry Landfill & Recycle:	http://www.londonderryvt.org/index.html
Phone:	(802) 824-5506
Open:	Closed Wednesdays, call for specific hours.
Londonderry Post Office:	(802) 824-6571
Window hours:	Mon - Fri, 8:30 - 12 & 2 - 4:30pm Sat 8:30 - 11:30am
Flood Brook School:	(802) 824-6811
Burr & Burton Academy:	(802) 362-1775
Green Mtn Power:	(800) 451-2877 (report outages)
Mtn Valley Medical Clinic:	(802) 824-6901
Hours:	Mon - Fri, 8:30 - 4:30pm
On-call phone:	24 hours
VT State Police:	(802) 722-4600 (non-emergency)
Senators:	Brian Campion, bcampion@leg.state.vt.us Dick Sears, rsears@leg.state.vt.us
House of Representatives:	Linda Joy Sullivan, lsullivan@leg.state.vt.us

EMERGENCY NUMBER: 911

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AUDITORS

ELIZABETH DEE • MARY ENGLISH • ANNE MCCLARAN

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Vital Statistics Town of Landgrove, County of Bennington

Population	111*	
Voters	118	
Area	5,586 acres	
2016 Tax Rate	Homestead	\$1.8061
	Non-resident	\$1.7621
Total Property Valuation	\$125,050,090	
Number of Parcels:	204	

MARRIAGES

June 30	Peter G. Swanson to Clare S. Burke, both of New York, NY
July 3	William A. Miller to Joanna M. Pfister, both of Jamaica Plain, MA
August 25	Adam Casella of Norwich, VT to Holly Thatcher Donaldson of New Canaan, CT

BIRTHS

DEATHS

March 20	Nicholas Van Dyck of Landgrove and Princeton, NJ
April 3	Edward Lane “Budge” Bouton of Shelburne, VT
April 19	Dorothy Thatcher of Landgrove and Greenwich, CT
July 17	James Mills of Landgrove and Montclair, NJ
Sept. 12	Barbara Seuling of Landgrove
Sept. 28	John F. Good of Island Park, NY
Dec. 2	Allida “Lee” Amato of Landgrove

* Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Margin of error: +/-43.

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Landgrove Checklist

ADAMS, LEIGH	HALL, STEVEN	NICHOLS, CLARENCE
ADAMS, RICHARD	HARRIS, CLAUDIA	NICHOLS, PAULINE
AMEDEN, JAMES	HARRIS, SUSAN U.	NUTTING, HARRY O.
AMEDEN, JOSEPHINE	HARRIS, THOMAS A.	OGDEN, ANDREA
BATOGOWSKI, SHAWNA L.	HASSETT, JERALD	OGDEN, JOHN
BIGELOW, JONATHAN G.H.	HASSETT, VIVIAN	OGDEN, KATHARINE
BIGELOW, MAGNUS W.	HEINEMANN, NANCIE	OGDEN, MARY
BIGELOW, MARY S.	HENSON, COLLEEN	OGDEN, SAMUEL
BIGELOW, MAY	HENSON, CRAIG	OGDEN, SHEILA
BLACK, SANDY	HOWARD, KERRY A.	PETERSON, ALICE L.
CHALMERS, CAMERON	JEFFERY, MARIAN	PFISTER, KAREN
CHECCHIA, MAUREEN	JEFFERY, MICHAEL	PFISTER, KARL T.
CHECCHIA, THOMAS	JOHNSON, FRANK	PINKERTON, HOPE
CLEARY, CHRYS TAL	JOHNSON, SARAH L.	POMEROY, JESSE
CLEARY, JEFFERSON	JORDAN, JEAN	POMEROY, MARION
COLE, DALEN	JORDAN, ROBERT	SABOL, BROOKE A.
COLE, JULIETTA L	KEANE, JOHN	SABOL, ROBERT
COLLINS, SUSAN	KEANE, MARY	SABOL, TARA
DEE, ELIZABETH	KLINE, CHRISTOPHER	SCHUBERT, KARL F.
DIBBLE, JOCELYN	LAPRADE, VIRGINIA	SNYDER, D. JAY
DIBBLE, REBECCA A.	LEFEBVRE, JENNIFER E.	SNYDER, KATHY
DIBBLE, THOMAS R.	LENNON, BENJAMIN J	STANNARD, RANDALL W
DOMMENG E, KEVIN	LENNON, KALI	STONE, BEVERLY
DUFFY, ROBERT	LICATA, MARY	SWEETMAN, CHARLES
ECKHARDT, JOHN G.	LUX, HARRY	SWEETMAN, MARION
ECKHARDT, KIMBERLY A.	MALLARD, EMILY N	THOMSON, KAREN
ECKHARDT, LYNN	MALLARD, JOHN	THOMSON, PETER
EMERSON, NATHALIE	MALLARD, JULIE	TOLBERT, DIANNE
ENGLISH, JOHN	MCCLARAN, ANNE	TOLBERT, JOHN
ENGLISH, LEILA	MCCLARAN, TIM	TOMKINSON, VICTORIA L.
ENGLISH, MARY	MCNAIR, DANA	USHER, BARBARA
EVARTS, JEREMIAH	MCNAIR, DYLAN	VAN EYCK, EDMUND
EVARTS, KARA	MCNAIR, MALCOLM	VAN EYCK, JESSICA
EVARTS, PIPPIN	MCNEAL, KEITH	WAITE, ROBERT
FOSTER, KATE I.	MOLE, MICHAEL	WAITE, SARAH
FOSTER, RYAN	MORFIT, CHRISTINE A.	WILEY, JOHN D.
GOUGER, MARY	MORFIT, MICHAEL	YOUNG, HELEN
GRAYSON, CARINTHIA A.	MOSTOLLER, JESSE	YOUNG-SHADIS, TEXAS V.
GRAYSON, PRISCILLA	MOSTOLLER, PALA Z.	
HADDEN, JOHN	MUNAT, CLARE	

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TOWN OF LANDGROVE Warning 2017 Annual Town Meeting

Legal voters of the town of Landgrove, County of Bennington, State of Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall at 88 Landgrove Road on Monday, March 6th 2017 at 6:00 pm to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To elect the following officers as required by law:

officer	term
Town Clerk	1 year
Town Treasurer	1 year
Selectboard Member	3 years
Auditor	3 years
Lister	3 years
Cemetery Commissioner	5 years
Cemetery Commissioner	1 year
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 year
Grand Juror	1 year
Town Agent	1 year
Constable	1 year
Trustee of Public Funds	3 years

ARTICLE 3: To hear the reports of Town Officers and take proper action on the Auditors' report.

ARTICLE 4: To see whether the Town will appropriate \$15,000 to the Landgrove New Cemetery Stonewall Project.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will authorize its Selectboard to apply any

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surplus or unanticipated funds toward the proposed budget.

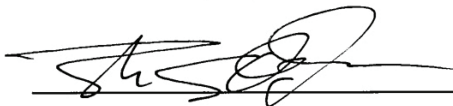
ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to pay its taxes on real and personal property on or before October 1, 2017.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise the budgeted monies necessary to pay Town expenses and obligations for the 2017 year.

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other non-binding business proper to come before said meeting, not acted upon in the preceding articles.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will agree to meet in 2018 on the first Monday before the first Tuesday in March (March 5th) at 6pm for the annual Town Meeting.

Dated January 26, 2017
Selectboard of Landgrove, Vermont



John Ogden (chair)



Greg Eckhardt



Jeremiah Evarts

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Town Officers Elected

POSITION	NAMES	TERM EXPIRES
Moderator (1 year term)	Claudia Harris	2017
Town Clerk (1 year term)	Chrystal Cleary	2017
Town Treasurer (1 year term)	Andrea Ogden	2017
Select Board (3 year term)	Jeremiah Evarts	2017
	Greg Eckhardt	2018
	John Ogden	2019
Board of Auditors (3 year term)	Mary English (appointed)	2017
	Anne McClaran	2018
	Liza Dee	2019
Board of Listers (3 year term)	Kim Eckhardt	2017
	Jerald Hassett	2018
	Chuck Sweetman	2019
Board of Cemetery Commissioners (5 year term)	May Bigelow	2017
	vacant	2018
	Lynn Eckhardt	2019
	John English	2020
	Clarence Nichols	2021
Collector of Delinquent Taxes (1 year term)	Andrea Ogden	2017
Grand Juror (1 year term)	Claudia Harris	2017
Town Agent (1 year term)	John Hadden	2017
Constable (1 year term)	John Wiley	2017
Trustees of Public Fund (3 year term)	Andrea Ogden	2017
	Sarah Waite	2018
	Dick Adams	2019
MTN TOWN RED Director (3 year term)	Jeff Cleary	2018

Justices of the Peace

Claudia Harris, Anne McClaran, Christine Morfit, Clare Munat,
and Charles Sweetman

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Town Officers Appointed by Select Board

POSITION	NAME	3 YEAR TERM EXPIRES
Zoning Administrator	Hal Wilkins	2019
Planning Commission (includes ZA)	vacant (chair)	
	Jerald Hassett	2017
	Leigh Adams	2017
	Chuck Sweetman	2018
	Michael Mole	2018
	Harry Lux	2019
	vacant	2019
Zoning Board of Adjustment	vacant (chair)	
(Includes all members of the Planning Comm. except the Zoning Administrator)		
BCRC Member	Jerald Hassett	
Health Officer	Cameron Chalmers	2019
Conservation Commission	Priscilla Grayson	2018
	Anne McClaran	2019
		One Year Term
Town Service Officer	Chair, Select Board	2017
Emergency Management	John Ogden	2017
Forest Fire Warden	Karl T. Pfister	2017
Asst. Fire Warden	Jeremiah Evarts	2017
Road Commissioner	Steve Hall	2017
Assistant Town Treasurer	Sarah Waite	2017
911 Coordinator	Hal Wilkins	2017

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Minutes of Town Meeting 2016

TOWN of LANDGROVE Minutes 2016 Annual Town Meeting

Call to order at 6:04 pm

Lynn Eckhardt led the town in the pledge of allegiance to open Town Meeting, and all were welcomed by Selectman Jeremiah Evarts who read the first article.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. Claudia Harris was nominated by Jerry Evarts, seconded by Sally Waite and approved by the voters.

Claudia went over rules, and asked non-voters to introduce themselves. Chrissy Blaylock from the Collaborative spoke about their work and distributed their annual survey. Bobby Waite moved to dispense with reading of the full warning, which was approved by the majority.

ARTICLE 2: To elect the following officers as required by law:

officer	term	candidate	move	second
Town Clerk	1 year	Chrystal Cleary	May Bigelow	Jon Bigelow
Town Treasurer	1 year	Andrea Ogden	Sally Waite	Victoria Duffy
Selectboard Member	3 years	John Ogden	Lynn Eckhardt	Kathy Snyder
Auditor	3 years	Mary Gouger	Anne McClaran	Kathy Snyder
Auditor	1 year	Mary English	Andrea Ogden	Sally Waite
Lister	3 years	Chuck Sweetman	Bobby Waite	Kathy Snyder
Cemetery Commissioner	5 years	Clarence Nichols	Lynn Eckhardt	Jerry Evarts
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 year	Andrea Ogden	Sally Waite	Kathy Snyder
Grand Juror	1 year	Claudia Harris	Kathy Snyder	Jerry Evarts
Town Agent	1 year	John Hadden	John Ogden	Jerry Evarts
Constable	1 year	John Wiley, Jr.	Bobby Waite	Kathy Snyder

ARTICLE 3: To hear the reports of Town Officers and take proper action on the Auditors' report. Moved: Chuck Seconded: Michael Mole.

Jerry Evarts spoke about the Selectboard report, expressing frustration with the expense of the lengthy 2014 tax appeal that went to court a few weeks ago. He praised the Listers and recognized the many, many hours spent by Chuck Sweetman in preparation and in court for the Town's case. In response to questions, Jerry and John Ogden explained that mediation was attempted but brought no resolution and the appellant chose to take the Town to court vs. arbitration, and that even if the Town wins the case the legal fees are not part of the award. Claudia Harris also noted that even if the assessment of this

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one property is reduced, the Town still has the obligation to send the same tax revenue to the State, so that will likely mean an increase for the rest of the property owners.

John Ogden stated that the town had put a great deal of effort into accurate assessment and the work of our Listers, and we need to stand by them. Chuck Sweetman noted that our Town's coefficient of dispersion is 8 %, and for reference under 10% = equity across all properties in town, Our CLA is 100.39, with 100 being ideal. Treasurer Andrea Ogden reminded the body of the right of property owners to grieve each year and have things explained. Despite the frustration at this time, don't go away thinking you can't grieve. Mary English thanks the Selectboard for supporting the Listers.

Our Education Tax rate may drop as low as 10¢. This will drop the resident tax rate closer to the nonresident rate. Education Director Jeff Cleary explained that the reason it went down is due to loss of tuition student (high school) and special education savings. A study group of volunteers is convening to discuss the formation of further school district consolidation into a larger RED with Manchester and Dorset. Jeff also described the sharing of special education costs across the Supervisory Union.

ARTICLE 4: To see whether the Town will appropriate \$10,000 to the Landgrove New Cemetery Stonewall Project. Moved: Bobby Waite Seconded: Kathy Snyder Approved: AYE

Karl Pfizer asked if there is an estimate for total? Clarence Nichols said it is 50% done, but the remaining sides are constructed differently and will go faster and cost less. If we get the donations expected and the Town Appropriation, we will be well on our way to finishing it. Lynn Eckhardt hopes that people have gone inside the cemetery and seen the sitting stones and appreciating the see-through Galloway Dike style of the side walls.

ARTICLE 5: To see whether the Town will appropriate \$10,000 to hire the Winhall Police for enforcement of traffic ordinances. Moved: Chrystyna Young, Lynn Eckhardt

May Bigelow does not approve of this Article and feels we should do a better job of controlling ourselves, and put up more signs. Jerry Evarts described the meeting with the Winhall police- our town is becoming a crossroad for people to go through to Weston or Danby. He learned that 10K doesn't really go that far- about 100 hours of policing with less than 20% of a ticket going back to Landgrove, and a big bust would cost Landgrove a lot of money to prosecute. John Ogden notes that the Selectboard is not advocating this expenditure, but having done the research felt that this issue needs to be a town discussion and town vote.

Andrea Ogden added that as Treasurer, she feels protective of all of our dollars and that we should do this another year, and that just by discussing this we ought to be able to slow ourselves down. Road Commissioner Steve Hall feels there is not a speeding issue that requires this level of presence. His research with other towns noted that the radar digital sign is effective but expensive and prone to vandalism.

John Bigelow makes the motion to Approve, seconded by Anne McClaran, but the Article does not pass.

ARTICLE 6: To see whether the Town will appropriate \$1000 for the Flood Brook Athletic Association, as petitioned. Moved: Kathy Snyder, Victoria Duffy

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Andrea Ogden directs the body to view the town community appropriations and explains the donation aspect of these. Questions around what other towns are paying of the \$6000. There was a discussion as to the difference between FBAA, FBSAC, and West River Sports.. Dana McNair explained how Act 60 sent all the sports out of the school budget, so community groups formed to take up the fundraising for sports, field trips, etc. John Ogden described the effectiveness of community fundraising for sports to keep the value of the contributions in the community, vs. being thrown into the state pool and redistributed throughout the state. Andrea notes that Peru paid \$500 last year and is being asked for \$1000 also. Chuck observes that it should be part of the school budget, but also that no representative from FBAA showed up here to answer questions about their mechanism when it is up for a vote for the first time.

Malcolm McNair motions to amend the article to reduce the appropriation to \$500, seconded by Karl Pfister. Article 6 passes as amended.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will authorize its Selectboard to apply any surplus or unanticipated funds toward the proposed budget. Moved: Michael Mole Seconded: Karl Pfister. No discussion. Motion to Approve: Kathy Snyder, May Bigelow. The Article passes.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to pay its taxes on real and personal property on or before October 1, 2016. Moved: Kathy Snyder, Mary English, no discussion Motion to Approve: Karl Pfister, Victoria Duffy. The Article Passes.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise the budgeted monies necessary to pay Town expenses and obligations for the 2016 year. Moved: John Bigelow, Sally Waite. No Discussion.

Motion to Approve: Chuck Sweetman, Kathy Snyder. The Article passes.

ARTICLE 10: To transact any other non-binding business proper to come before said meeting, not acted upon in the preceding articles. Moved: Kathy Snyder, John Bigelow. There is no discussion. Motion to Approve: Kathy Snyder, Karl Pfister. The Article passes.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will agree to meet in 2017 on the first Monday before the first Tuesday in March (March 6th) at 6pm for the annual Town Meeting. Moved: Kathy Snyder, Chrystyna Young. No discussion. Motion to Approve: May Bigelow, Kathy Snyder. The Article Passes.

Adjourned at 8.04pm

Respectfully Submitted by Chrystal Cleary, Town Clerk

Moderator Claudia Harris

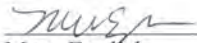
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Auditors' Report

We, the undersigned auditors of the Town of Landgrove, have reviewed all the books and accounts of the Town of Landgrove on this 26th day of January, 2017.

We wish to report that all the entries have been properly made and all accounts are in balance.


Elizabeth Dee


Mary English


Anne McClaran

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Current Asset Balance Sheet as of 12/31/2016

	2016	2015	\$ Change
Cemetery Checking	3,984.38	747.19	3,237.19
Trustee of Public Funds			
Cemetery Endowment Fund	46,422.25	41,371.60	5,050.65
Conservation Fund	20,508.31	19,086.19	1,422.12
Town Accounts - Stifel Nicolaus			
Operating Account	924,773.43	1,002,604.60	(77,831.17)
Reserve Funds*			
Cemetery Wall Fund	(6,912.27)	(1,254.53)	(5,657.74)
Dog License Account	3,100.57	2,961.32	139.25
Equipment Fund	80,000.00	60,000.00	20,000.00
Listers Fund - Ed	1,281.11	1,416.11	(135.00)
Listers Fund - Reappraisal	10,008.08	7,870.58	2,137.50
Records Restoration	7,176.98	5,845.98	1,331.00
Town Hall Maint Fund	12,176.57	9,676.57	2,500.00
Total Reserve Funds	106,831.04	86,516.03	20,315.01
Total Town Accounts	1,031,604.47	1,089,120.63	(57,516.16)
TOTAL ASSETS	1,102,519.41	1,150,325.61	(47,806.20)

*Further information on Reserve Funds can be found on page 14.

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Cash Account Summary

	Income	Expense	Balance
Register Balance as of 1/1/2016			1,089,120.63
Net income ¹		56,808.70	
Change in Payroll Taxes Liability		1,617.62	
12/31/15 QB Payroll Liability ²	\$910.16		
Register Balance as of 12/31/16			\$1,031,604.47
Uncleared Checks	57,709.96		
Uncleared Deposits		-	
Bank Balance as of 12/31/2016			1,089,314.43

¹Reconciliation to net income shown in the following chart, Cash Account Reconciliation Detail.

²Quickbooks payroll liability hit 12/31/15, but paychecks were dated 1/1/2016. Therefore, liability was excluded from 2015 reconciliation but must be added back in for 2016 reconciliation.

Cash Account Reconciliation Detail

	Income	Expense	Net Income
INCOME			
Copier	205.40		
Current Use	42,356.00		
Education Taxes	1,575,587.06		
General Fund	98,930.49		
Grants - State	-		
Green Mountain Forest	2,109.00		
Homestead Penalties	2,240.59		
Interest - Op & Reserve	203.37		
Interest Del Tax	2,287.82		
Licenses & Permits	1,065.00		
Recording Income	2,979.00		
Rental of Town Hall	1,101.00		
Roads Fund	159,114.46		
Tax Adjustments	(108,821.54)		
Taxes Delinquent	16,175.38		
Total Penalty Collected	4,728.28		
Total Reserve Fund Income	44,716.09		
Unbudgeted Misc Income	42.96		

Cash Account Reconciliation continued on following page.

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Cash Account Reconciliation continued from previous page.

	Income	Expense	Net Income
VT State Highway Aid	34,318.74		
total Income	1,879,339.10		1,879,339.10
BUDGETED EXPENSE			
General Fund		149,466.35	
Roads Fund		195,023.06	1,534,849.69
<i>For more detail, see GF & Roads Budgets</i>			
OTHER EXPENSE			
Civil Union Licenses		135.00	
Education Payments			
MT Towns RED		415,919.00	
State of VT - 2nd FY15		546,608.55	
State of VT - 1st FY 16		548,285.00	
total Education		1,510,812.55	
Landgrove Comm Club Donation		42.96	
Court Ordered Settlement		48,200.13	
Town Shed Site Research		545.00	
Paid to Collector		5,021.67	
Tax Mapping Service Setup		2,500.00	
total Other Expense		1,567,257.31	(32,407.62)
RESERVED FUND EXPENSE			
Cemetery Wall		23,943.33	
Dogs		322.75	
Listers Ed		135.00	
Reappraisal		-	
Records Restoration		-	
Town Hall Bldg		-	
total Reserved Fund Expense		24,401.08	(56,808.70)
NET INCOME*			(56,808.70)

*Referenced in Cash Account Summary on page 15

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Statement of Taxes Raised

	Education	Municipal	Total	
Homestead	1.56	0.25	1.81	
Non-Resident	1.51	0.25	1.76	
	Tax Rate	Grand List	Billed	Collected
Non-Residential Education	1.51	732,915	1,107,947.61	1,076,133.17
Homestead Education	1.56	324,706	505,145.12	499,453.89
Municipal - Roads	0.15	1,057,621	163,296.68	159,114.46
Municipal - GF	0.10	1,057,621	101,531.62	98,930.49
Late Homestead Penalty			2,240.59	2,240.59
Adjustment to Grand List			517.18	
Prior Year Adjustment			-	
		Total	1,880,678.80	1,835,872.60
Received By Treasurer as of 12/31/16				
2016 Taxes	1,833,632.01			
2016 Taxes Outstanding	39,441.63			
	1,873,073.64			
Tax Income Allocated as of 12/31/16				
Ed - Mt Town RED	415,919.00			
Ed - State of VT Ed Fund	1,094,893.55			
Municipal Budget	264,837.32			
Total Allocated	1,775,649.87			

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Statement of Delinquent Taxes Collected

Annual Report of Collector of Delinquent Taxes
December 31, 2016

	Received for			12/31/2015
Year	Collection	Collections	Abatements	Balance
2014	3,071.37	-	-	3,071.37
2015	46,378.23	16,175.38	-	30,202.85
2016 (10/1/16)	87,222.56	47,780.93		39,441.63
	136,672.16	63,956.31	-	72,715.85
Total Collections	63,956.31			
Interest Received	2,287.82			
Remitted to Treasurer	66,244.13			

As of 12/31/2016, there are five properties with unpaid taxes from 2014, 2015 and/or 2016. The Select Board has voted to pursue tax sale for one property that is 3 years in arrears. Kevin O'Toole will be handling this process for the town.

Information about which properties are delinquent is public information and is available at the town hall upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Ogden
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Please note that taxes are due on or before October 1. Payments received or post-marked after that date are considered delinquent and are subject to a penalty fee of 8% and additional interest of 1% for the first three months or part thereof, and 1 ½% per month or part thereafter, as allowed under the laws of the State of Vermont.

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Reserve Funds

The following funds are all held within the Town's Stifel-Nicolaus cash account. A summary of these funds can be found on the Current Asset Balance Sheet on page 14.

Cemetery Wall Fund			
	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance 1/1/16			(1,254.53)
Donations - 18 donations	18,285.59		
Ogden & Chalmers, LLC		23,943.33	
Balance 12/31/16			(6,912.27)

This fund was established in May 2014 for the beautiful stone wall project in the New Cemetery. The fund currently shows a deficit of \$6,912.27. Pledges and an additional transfer from the Cemetery operating account are expected cover this deficit. The Cemetery Commission and the Select Board hope voters will again support Article 4 at Town Meeting. The \$15,000 raised by this article will see the wall through to completion. As you can see, members of our greater Landgrove community were extremely generous again this summer.

Dog License Account			
	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance 1/1/16			2,961.32
Licenses Issued	462.00		
Cost of Tags		77.75	
State of VT		245.00	
Balance 12/31/16			3,100.57

Landgrove does not have an Animal Control officer and therefore, should the situation arise that we need to implement an animal control program, we would have to hire an outside service. The money in this account is held in reserve to cover costs should the need become real.

Dog licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office any time after January 1st each year. For a spayed or neutered dog, the charge is \$9 and for an unaltered dog, the charge is \$13. After April 1st, a late charge of \$2 and \$4 will apply for altered and unaltered dogs, respectively. New puppies or dogs acquired after April 1 will be charged half of the regular fee.

Please note that rabies inoculations must be current before a license can be issued.

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Equipment Fund			
	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance 1/1/16			60,000.00
Taxes raised (as voted)	20,000.00		
Balance 12/31/16			80,000.00

This Fund is used to minimize the impact to taxpayers of large equipment purchases used to maintain our roads. Taxpayers allocate money to the fund each year and the fund accumulates until it is necessary to draw funds down for a large purchase. The fund was exhausted in 2012 due to the purchase of the John Deere grader.

Listers' Funds - Reappraisal and Education

Reappraisal Fund			
	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance 1/1/16			7,870.58
State of VT - per parcel	1,912.50		
State of VT - other	225.00		
Balance 12/31/16			10,008.08

The Reappraisal Fund is held in reserve to cover costs associated with a town-wide reappraisal, which last occurred in 2014.

Lister Education			
	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance 1/1/16			1,416.11
State of VT	-		
CAMA Training		135.00	
Balance 12/31/16			1,281.11

This Lister Education fund is intended to cover trainings that are certified by the State of VT Property Valuation and Review department.

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Records Restoration Fund			
	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance 1/1/16			5,845.98
Taxes raised (as voted)	1,000.00		
Recording Fees	331.00		
Balance 12/31/16			7,176.98

The Records Restoration fund is money held in reserve for preserving the town's historical records, primarily our grand lists. Income sources are the town appropriation and the state-mandated \$1 per page recorded by the Town Clerk. Several grand lists were taken to be bound in late 2016. We expect to see this expense and their return in early 2017.

Town Hall Maintenance Fund			
	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance 1/1/16			9,676.57
Taxes raised (as voted)	2,500.00		
Balance 12/31/16			12,176.57

This fund is intended to grow gradually to help mitigate the costs of large projects associated with proper care of our town hall building. Projects may include exterior painting, floor refinishing, or other improvements not included in the annual maintenance budget. In 2017, the exterior of the building will be evaluated and reviewed for possible maintenance.

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General Fund Budget

		2015	2016	2016	2017
		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
1	Income				
2	Raised By Municipal Taxes	89,294.00	101,557.32	98,930.49	86,753.21
3	Copier	631.00	500.00	205.40	150.00
4	Current Use	40,654.00	40,000.00	42,356.00	40,000.00
5	Green Mountain Forest	2,071.00	2,000.00	2,109.00	2,000.00
6	Interest - Del Tax		-	2,287.82	2,000.00
7	Licenses & Permits	1,445.00	300.00	1,015.00	500.00
8	Prior Year Surplus/Deficit	15,000.00	-	-	-
9	Recording Income	2,097.00	2,000.00	2,979.00	2,000.00
10	Rental of Town Hall	876.00	750.00	1,101.00	700.00
11	Total Income	152,068.00	147,107.32	150,983.71	134,103.21
12					
13	Expense				
14	Community Appropriations				
15	The Collaborative	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
16	Flood Brook Athletic Assoc		500.00	500.00	500.00
17	Green Up	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
18	Londonderry Fire Dept.	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
19	Londonderry Rescue Squad	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
20	Mental Health Services	166.00	166.00	166.00	166.00
21	MVMC	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
22	Neighborhood Connections	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
23	So. Londonderry Library	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
24	Visiting Nurse Alliance	615.00	615.00	615.00	615.00
25	West River Sports	745.00	425.00	425.00	-
26	Total Community Appropriations	12,326.00	12,506.00	12,506.00	12,081.00
27					
28	Town Appropriations				
29	Cem Endowment Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
30	Cem Maintenance	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
31	Cem Wall	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	

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		2015	2016	2016	2017
		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
32	Records Restoration Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
33	Town Hall Maint. Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
34	Total Town Appropriations	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	11,000.00
35					
36	Taxes And Assessments				
37	BCRC	1,875.00	1,913.00	1,913.00	1,961.00
38	County Tax	7,524.75	7,530.00	7,887.37	8,000.00
39	Londonderry Land Fill	12,730.59	16,264.32	16,264.32	18,895.21
40	Southwest N.H. Dispatch	8,467.00	8,500.00	8,816.00	8,816.00
41	VLCT	994.00	1,044.00	1,044.00	1,000.00
42	Total Taxes & Assessments	31,591.34	35,251.32	35,924.69	38,672.21
43					
44	Salaries And Stipends				
45	Asst. To The Clerk	100.00	1,000.00	-	500.00
46	Listers	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,250.00	3,000.00
47	Payroll Expenses	2,142.00	2,200.00	2,224.38	2,200.00
48	Road Commissioner	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
49	School Director	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
50	Select Board	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
51	Town Clerk	16,000.06	16,000.00	16,615.26	16,000.00
52	Treasurer	11,999.99	12,000.00	12,461.58	12,000.00
53	Zoning Administrator	2,317.50	4,000.00	1,930.50	4,000.00
54	Total Salaries & Stipends	40,559.55	43,200.00	41,481.72	42,700.00
55					
56	Town Hall & Office				
57	Heat	2,022.21	2,500.00	1,361.36	2,000.00
58	Maintenance	5,194.84	4,500.00	3,943.50	4,500.00
59	Office Supplies	2,751.05	3,000.00	3,017.14	3,000.00
60	Training	65.00	250.00	-	250.00
61	Utilities	1,678.66	1,800.00	1,748.77	1,800.00
62	Total Town Hall & Office	11,711.76	12,050.00	10,070.77	11,550.00
63					

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		2015	2016	2016	2017
		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
64	Other Expenses				
65	Insurance	3,006.41	3,000.00	2,937.26	3,000.00
66	Legal And Accounting	28,779.79	10,000.00	16,377.16	5,000.00
67	Listers' Expenses	545.24	600.00	560.18	600.00
68	Notices & Warnings	918.29	1,500.00	910.20	1,500.00
69	Tax Mapping	600.00	3,000.00	3,300.00	3,000.00
70	Zoning & Planning	858.15	5,000.00	4,398.37	5,000.00
71					
72	Total Expense	151,896.53	147,107.32	149,466.35	134,103.21
73					
74	Surplus/Deficit	171.47	-	1,517.36	-

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Roads Budget

		2015	2016	2016	2017
		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
	Income				
1	Raised by Municipal Taxes	148,230.00	163,280.00	159,114.46	162,800.00
2	State Highway Aid	34,336.42	34,000.00	34,318.74	34,000.00
3	Prior Year Surplus/Deficit	17,000.00	-	-	-
4	Grants	-	-	-	-
5	Highway Permits	70.00	70.00	50.00	50.00
6	Total Income	199,636.42	197,350.00	193,483.20	196,850.00
7	Expense				
8	Equipment Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	25,000.00
9	Gas & Oil	6,989.49	7,500.00	3,214.69	7,000.00
10	Licenses & Insurance	6,462.00	6,500.00	6,533.00	6,500.00
11	Machine Maint. & Repairs	9,898.36	10,000.00	20,343.76	10,000.00
12	Misc ¹	836.31	1,000.00	3,111.98	1,000.00
13	Rent & Electric	1,063.33	1,100.00	989.10	1,100.00
14	Training	-	250.00	-	250.00
15	Total General	45,249.49	46,350.00	54,192.53	50,850.00
18	Summer Roads				
19	Chloride	2,872.57	3,000.00	2,400.00	3,000.00
20	Culverts	4,834.50	15,000.00	4,460.40	10,000.00
21	Ditches	18,090.00	15,000.00	16,168.19	15,000.00
22	Grading	6,331.00	10,000.00	4,625.00	10,000.00
23	Resurfacing (Gravel)	32,543.50	15,000.00	32,358.50	15,000.00
24	Roadside Mowing	5,950.00	6,000.00	5,950.00	6,000.00
25	Storm Repair	1,785.00	4,500.00	206.25	4,500.00
26	Total Summer	72,406.57	68,500.00	66,168.34	63,500.00

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		2015	2016	2016	2017
		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
27	Winter Roads				
28	De-Icer	8,628.40	9,000.00	5,399.77	9,000.00
29	Plowing & Sanding				
30	Labor	23,602.00	25,000.00	23,015.00	25,000.00
31	Machine Rental	9,159.00	9,000.00	14,182.50	9,000.00
32	Sand	37,548.32	35,000.00	31,214.92	35,000.00
33	Storm Repair	2,582.50	4,500.00	850	4,500.00
34	Total Winter	81,520.22	82,500.00	74,662.19	82,500.00
36	Total Expense	199,176.28	197,350.00	195,023.06	196,850.00
37	Surplus/Deficit	460.14	-	(1,539.86)	-

¹ Includes speed hump

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Select Board/Road Commissioner Report

The primary focus of the Landgrove Select Board in 2016 was the continued improvement of the overall quality of the town roads. We are trying to be proactive with ditching, resurfacing, and culvert replacement in the hopes that the more extreme weather that seems to have become the norm, and the ever increasing traffic that has also become the norm will inflict less damage on our roads. To that end we have applied for and received two state grants that will help us pay for some resurfacing of some perennial bad spots on our roads as well as resurfacing our two bridges.

The issue of speeding on our town roads is another problem that we have been putting considerable thought into solving. Many of you, we are sure, noticed the speed hump that we tested out last fall. We thought that this was an effective method of slowing traffic down through the village, but we actually didn't receive much feedback from Landgrove residents one way or the other. We would love to hear some more.

We are also continuing the long process of trying to find a more suitable home for our town equipment and winter sand pile. As always we would very much appreciate any help with this project that anyone has to offer.

We are continuing to support the Cemetery Commission in their efforts to complete the stone wall around the "new" cemetery across from the church. We believe strongly that this project has a very significant positive impact on the beauty of our already beautiful town.

The Select Board would like to thank John LaVeccia for his service to the town in the role of Zoning Administrator and 911 Coordinator and we would like to extend a welcome to Hal Wilkins who has stepped into both of these roles for our town.

I would also like to highlight the service of Jeremiah Evarts to the town as a Select Board member. He has been tireless in his devotion to the issues and dilemmas facing our small town.

The Select Board meets twice a month and the general public is always welcome. Please come to these meetings with any and all ideas, criticisms, compliments, or constructive advise.

Respectfully submitted,
John Ogden
Select Board Chair

FYI

Select Board meetings are held on the 2nd and the 4th Thursdays of each month at 6pm at the Town Hall. Members of the public are always welcome to observe the meeting. Please contact the clerk a week in advance of the meeting to get on the agenda. Also, please note that the minutes of the meeting are public record and are available at the Town Hall and on our website at landgrove.vermont.gov.

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Cemetery Commission

Funding from voters and donors allowed us to continue construction of the cemetery stone wall. We have completed 450 feet of our 600 foot project. Additional funding is required to complete the eastern wall. The wall has received favorable comments from many people and we think that Luke Bonang has done an admirable job. Thank you Luke.

We have selected a new sexton to mow the two cemeteries and we can report that significant cost savings were realized. Our new sexton is Marc Waldo and the mowing is scheduled for ten day intervals.

The cemetery commission and the Historical Society joined together to clean headstones and trim lilac trees at the main cemetery. The project was organized by Lynn Eckhardt, was well attended, and is being planned for next year. Lynn also helped with the placement of flags for our veterans.

Monk Ogden worked on the placement of some new marble headstones and he provided the chains which span the wall openings.

We sold six burial plots this year.

There were three interments this year:

- Nicholas Van Dyck
- John Thatcher
- Dorothy Thatcher

Respectfully submitted for the cemetery commission,
Clarence Nichols

Cemetery Commissioners: May Bigelow, Lynn Eckhardt, John English, Andy Torre, Clarence Nichols

Honorary Commissioner: Monk Ogden

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Cemetery Operating Account - People's Bank			
	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance 1/1/16			747.19
Taxes Raised (as voted)	6,500.00		
Donations	-		
Plot Sales	5,210.00		
Plot Sales - Recording Fee		60.00	
Plots Sales - Endowment		1,200.00	
Grounds Maintenance		5,330.00	
Veterans' Flags		82.81	
Transfer to Cem Wall Fund		1,800.00	
Bank & Reg. Balance 12/31/16			3,984.38

Clerk's Report

Elections were a major effort for your Clerk this year. With three elections to run (presidential primary, state primary and general election) and the state's new Elections software (VEMS) getting a major workout, I attended two trainings run by the Secretary of State's office to make sure I had the most current information on election processes and reporting of results. Many thanks to all who served on Election day as Landgrove's excellent record for per capita voter turnout continued with 105 of 121 registered Landgrove voters casting a ballot in the General Election for 87% participation!

A lot of business can be taken care of on our Town Website- landgrove.vermont.gov You can read minutes of meetings, update your voter registration, obtain information of public record such as grand list and property data via our online parcel mapping system, and soon planning and zoning permit forms. Our office is open Thursdays 9am - 1pm, but we aim to serve you better all week long through the Town website!

Online Parcel Mapping was launched this summer, bringing convenient access to public parcel information. The State of Vermont is adopting a uniform standard for digital mapping and requiring all towns to have these kind of digital maps online. A federal grant is covering the adjustment work needed to adhere to the new standard, so the minor adjustment to bring our system to the state standard won't cost us anything. The new FEMA flood zone maps are included as an overlay to view in our online map and the Bennington County Regional Commission will be sending the Town's new Zoning Maps for an overlay when


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those are completed as well.

This year Landgrove continued its preservation of historic Grand Lists, cleaning, binding and preserving the pages from 1889- 1925. Landgrove is unique among towns in that we have a COMPLETE collection of our grand lists from chartering to today, showing the landowners, acres and taxes for every parcel. A lot of towns have lost that historic information.

Noticing that our land records shelving was reaching maximum capacity, I've reorganized the vault storage and opened up 3 shelves for land records, and I also adopted a different book size, which faces the short way, allowing for storage of two per shelf, or 6 more volumes of land records. One book holds about a year and half of records, so I went from immediate need of another roller shelving bank, to opening up a decade's worth of recording volume storage!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Clerk in 2016. As always, I enjoy seeing all of you and keeping the Town's records and information clear, well preserved and accessible for you. Drop in to Town Hall for a quick intro to the Parcel Mapping software if you'd like, and remember to license your dogs by April 1st!



<u>President</u>	<u>Senator</u>	<u>Governor</u>
Clinton 71	Leahy 62	Minter 49
Trump 18	Milne 39	Scott 55
Stein 1	Diamondstone 1	Lee 1
Larive 0	Ericsen 1	
Johnson 5	Trudette 1	<u>Lt. Gov</u>
Rocky 0		Brack 50
Harris C 1	<u>Rep</u>	Zuckerman 45
	Welch 87	Wardinski 1
	Clawson 7	

Vote counting in Landgrove. In 2016.

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Landgrove Community Club

Another year in the books for the Landgrove Community Club. Most notably, our longtime treasurer, Mary Gouger, moved to Saratoga this year. She has been keeping the books for the Community Club for over 10 years. As I have said elsewhere in this report, she was a dedicated, efficient and loyal volunteer and she is missed terribly.

An invigorated group of volunteers stepped up to help plan and execute the 4th of July festivities. It was a great day. The softball game returned to Leurich Field for the first time in several years. Rob Badger addressed the crowd at the monument, and The Merry Pranksters livened up our picnic under the stars.

The newly invigorated committee members are still waiting for that de-brief meeting about the 4th. Scheduling meetings isn't my strength. Let's do it next June.

I seemed to come up empty in terms of the photo documentation of the year. If you have any photos you'd like to pass along throughout the year, please email me at andreadammeierogden@gmail.com.

Thank you and I look forward to 2017.

Andrea Ogden



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Conservation Commission

The conservation commission was dormant in 2016. Attrition of members has made it difficult to keep the momentum of prior years. If you are interested in joining the conservation commission or would like more information please contact Priscilla Grayson at priscillagrayson@earthlink.net.

Following is an excerpt from the Association of Vermont Conservations Commissions website (vtconservation.com):

What Are Conservation Commissions?

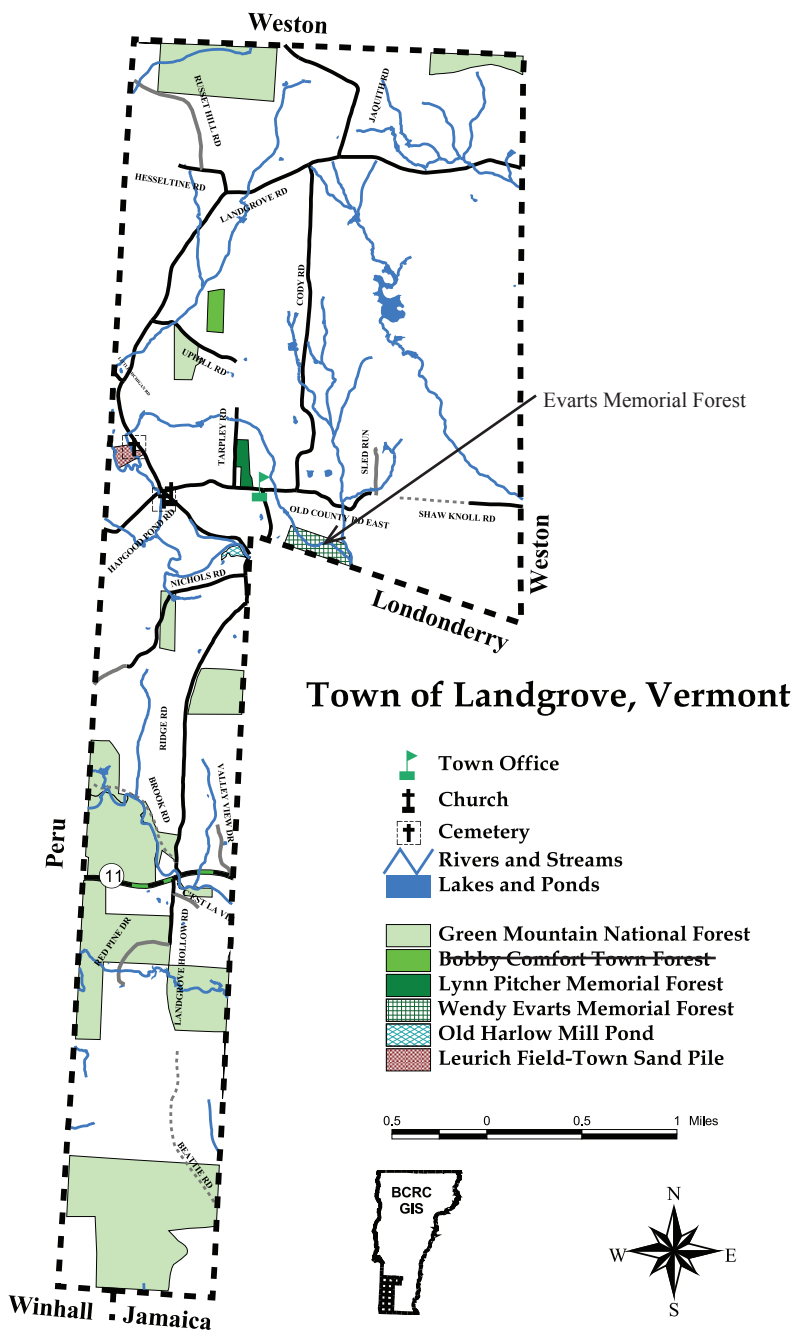
In Vermont, conservation commissions are advisory bodies that exist in many towns across the state. Broadly, they are established to help communities protect and enhance their natural resources. In 1977, Vermont passed the enabling legislation (24 V.S.A. 4501) to establish municipal conservation commissions. By 1996, 96 Vermont towns had conservation commissions or similar committees. Today there are just over 100 conservation commissions in Vermont.

<http://vtconservation.com/about-conservation-commissions/>

This website has a lot of good information if you are considering joining this commission.

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Map of Town Lands



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Landgrove Historical Society

Collections: Our overall goal, now a work in progress, is to make parts of our collection accessible for members and visitors outside the confines of the LHS office and for research queries inside the office.

Kerry Howard is reconstructing past exhibits mounted during 2001-2013 in the form of one or more large albums. She has been employed part-time and will continue during 2017.

We plan to create a three ring binder with copies of the Karl Pfister Landgrove Old Photo Collection with their captions to be available to visitors outside the office.

We are developing a search key to the LOPC to hang on the wall inside the storage room for ease in finding subjects and location of photos.

Membership: We currently have 72 members.

Events During 2016:

March 20: Pancake breakfast with Anne Hausslein's pancakes and syrup from Rob Hausslein's Sugar Bob's Finest Kind and Jerry Evarts' and Jonathan Bigelow's Landgrove Sugarworks.

May 28: One man play "Travels with a Masked Man" by John Hadden performed at Landgrove Meeting House, in conjunction with LMH.

June 18-19: Exhibit of "H2O in Landgrove" was prepared for the Vermont History Expo at the Tunbridge fairgrounds.

July 2: The fifth annual potluck and square dance was held at the Town Hall.

July 4: In partnership with the Landgrove Meeting House and the Vermont Humanities Council and led by David Eckhardt, the audience joined in readings from Frederick Douglas' 1852 address.

Aug. 6: In partnership with the Cemetery Commission and with the leadership of Clarence Nichols and Lynn Eckhardt, we cleaned about 1/3 of the headstones in the New Cemetery. We will continue this project every year.

Sept. 16: Talk by Tim Weed on the "Historical Perspective on Cuba and the US" in conjunction with the Vermont Humanities Council.

Board of Directors

May Bigelow, President

Rob Badger, VP

Meg Pennypacker,
Treasurer

Christine Morfit, Secretary

Priscilla Grayson

David Eckhardt

Clarence Nichols

Sally Ogden

Kathy Snyder

Marion Sweetman

Advisors: Jonathan Bigelow, Ann Hausslein, Anne McClaran and Andrea Ogden

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Listers' Report

First, we would like to sincerely thank, on behalf of the listers and the entire town, Mary Gouger for her ten plus years of outstanding dedicated service as a lister. Mary resigned this past summer as she was dealing with health issues as well as her planned move out of state.

Kim Eckhardt joined our lister group after Mary's resignation and has already received valuable training in house as well as from the state and NEMRC personnel.

This past year has been quite busy and challenging for us. In early spring after almost two years of appeal from the Landgrove BCA (Board of Civil Authority) decision, after months of preparation, and two full days of court testimony, the town received an unfavorable decision by a relatively new judge. The key factor in the judge's decision centered on his interpretation of the legal concept of "highest and best use" (most valuable) of this particular property. Town officials as a group believe that decision was not correct and that additional data and evidence could have and should have been presented by our attorney and our hired professional appraiser. The town decided not to appeal because of the cost of continued litigation and because, by law, the appraisal and other options can be revisited three years after this 2014 assessment appeal.

The listers visited seven construction projects this past year and provided revised appraisals for them; there were no grievance appeals on those projects. We reviewed, as we do annually, all current use filings as reported by the state. In addition, we reviewed and recorded in our files all property transfers from data provided by the state.

Overall this year there were three grievance hearings held at the lister level. Two of those three went to the BCA for a hearing. After additional site visits and after reviewing all the information, both decisions of the listers were upheld by the BCA. In fact, one of those two grievances was filed in two towns (property crossed town lines) actually had the collective appraisal increase as the BCA can, by law, reduce, sustain, or increase the listers' appraisal. Neither decision was appealed to the courts.

The computer systems available to us including the updated NEMRC system as well as the new mapping/property program purchased by the selectmen have served us well. In fact, those programs helped a neighboring town and Landgrove clarify town property lines that went through structures and enhancements.

All the various state forms and reports were filed on time and accepted. We should note that the Equalized Educational Grand List for Landgrove for

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2016 is \$107,179,513. Our CLA (common level of appraisal) for the year is an excellent 98.59%. A number below 100% means property is generally listed at less than fair market value but with a 98.59% we feel we are right on the mark. We are also happy to report that our COD (coefficient of dispersion) is 6.82%; a COD of 10% or lower is considered to reflect a relatively high level of equity across taxpayers' assessments.

Finally, we want to express our appreciation for the cooperation and support we receive from town officials and property owners in performing our responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Eckhardt

Jerry Hassett

Chuck Sweetman

Treasurer's Report

This year is marked for me by the departure of Mary Gouger for her new home in Saratoga. Although Mary did not ever hold the position of Treasurer for the town, she has held just about every other treasurer position in our town and others. She was an invaluable resource to me in terms of helping me grow as a Treasurer and as a person. I miss her calm, steady approach to life and the sparkle in her eye when her dry sense of humor kicked in. She is a volunteer extraordinaire - a model for us all. Saratoga has received a gem of a human being - I hope they appreciate her!



As I do every year, I would like to remind residents to make sure their homestead declaration is filed with the State of VT by April 15th. This usually happens alongside filing your tax return, but if, for some reason, you file for an extension, please be aware that the homestead filing deadline remains April 15th, regardless of the status of your tax return

An administrative goal for 2017 is to explore the logistics of moving our various town email addresses from gmail to a private domain, like @landgrove.vermont.gov. This will help make sure town emails successfully make it into your inbox rather than your spam filter. Given that town emails are often reminders of deadlines that may involve penalties, we'd like to give them the best shot at success.

In the meantime, my email address (treasurerofofandgrove@gmail.com) is littered throughout this book and is on the town website at landgrove.vermont.gov - please feel free to use it to ask any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Ogden

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Trustees of Public Funds

The Trustees of Public Funds manage two funds for the people of Landgrove. The first fund is the Cemetery Endowment. This fund was established as an endowment to ensure that the cemeteries of Landgrove would be maintained in perpetuity. The principal of the fund is not to be touched, and each year the Trustees of Public funds will determine what percentage of the interest on the account can be disseminated to the Cemetery checking account. In 2016, the interest earned on the principal was again over \$700. The trustees agreed to again roll that amount into the principal investment with hopes that in future years we may be able to draw on the growth of the fund. The Town's appropriation of \$1000 per year is greatly appreciated and will help this endowment achieve its goal of providing earnings to support the lawn mowing expenses. The other income source is a portion of cemetery plot sales. This was a good year for plot sales. Please consider including this endowment fund in your annual and/or end of life giving - the fund has a long way to go to be big enough to fund the maintenance of our beautiful cemeteries.

The second account in the care of the Trustees of Public Funds is the Conservation Fund. In 2016, we explored various options for this small, restricted fund. As it is currently, there is no mechanism for this fund to grow appreciably. It would take years and years for this fund to be able to spin off useful income. We considered asking whether the town would consider a small annual appropriation to this fund, similar to the Cemetery Fund appropriation. The possibility of dissolving the fund and putting the principle toward the Cemetery Wall, the Cemetery Endowment Fund or divided amongst other town organizations was also discussed. In order to dissolve the fund or change its charter, we would have to present our case before a probate judge. We did not make any decisions regarding these options in 2016. Our goal for 2017 is to wrestle through the future of this fund.

Accounting for these two funds is on the next page.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Ogden

Sally Waite

Dick Adams

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PUBLIC FUNDS

Cemetery Endowment Fund			
	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance 1/1/16			41,371.60
Town Appropriation (as voted)	1,000.00		
Plot Sales	1,200.00		
Interest	752.68		
Unrealized Gain/Loss	2,097.97		
Balance 12/31/16			46,422.25

Conservation Fund			
	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance 1/1/16			19,086.19
Interest	371.21		
Unrealized Gain/Loss	1,050.91		
Balance 12/31/16			20,508.31

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Zoning & Planning

The following applications were considered in 2016 and permits issued except as noted.

- 1) 16-01 to Susan Trischman for construction of an Accessory Unit within an existing residence at 54 Russet Hill Rd.
- 2) 16-02 to John and Julie Mallard for construction of a barn at 53 Old County Road East.
- 3) 16-03 to David Kappos and Leslie Kimball to construct an addition to a house at 27 Uphill Lane.
- 4) 16-04 to Claudia Harris and John Wiley to construct a Barn/Garage at 38 Old County Road West.
- 5) 16-05 to Mary Ogden and Cameron Chalmers to construct an addition to a house and an accessory building at 209 Cody Road.
- 6) 16-06 to Roberta Knight to adjust a boundary line and expand a right of way at 76 Cody Road.
- 7) 16-07 to Josh and Nicole Wengerd to construct an addition to a house at 284 Landgrove Road.

During the year the Zoning Administrator had conversations with many residents and landowners regarding various questions as to procedures, potential issues and general information.

Respectfully submitted,
John B. LaVecchia

How to Contact the ZA?

Hal Wilkins • landgroveZA@gmail.com
Office Hours at Town Hall: Thursdays 9:00am - 12:30pm

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MOUNTAIN TOWNS RED ANNUAL REPORT

2016 has been an exciting year for education, both for our area and around the State. There are two main issues to focus on at Town Meeting time: the state of the Mountain Towns RED and Flood Brook school, and the activities around the State's merger legislation, Act 46.

Flood Brook saw another increase in students this year, which will make it the fourth year in a row that the student body has increased. According to surveys, we continue to see families choosing to move to our area both for the strength of Flood Brook's education, and for school choice. And, for the second year in a row, the budget proposed by the Board for Flood Brook for 2017-18 will result in a decrease in taxes. While the School has been able to expand offerings, including full-time health education and several after school programs which are all well attended (including an excellent art program managed by our very own Don Bolognese), we have benefited from a decrease in high school students which has kept our expenditures lower than we projected. We will no longer have the state's financial incentives for forming the RED this year, but the Board agreed to spend our whole tax stabilization fund to bring down taxes even more this year. See the packet from the Mountain Towns RED (that you should receive in the mail soon) for all the details.

While Flood Brook is doing well, there are some areas that can be improved for student education. And that has been the focus of the Northshire Merger Committee, the local group that has been exploring options under Act 46. I encourage you to read the whole report at <https://sites.google.com/site/northshiremergerstudy/> (link can also be found on the Town of Landgrove website.) In brief, here are the main points.

Every meeting I am in as your School Director (and I am in a lot of meetings!) both on the Flood Brook Board, or around the supervisory union (SU), two things stand out: everyone from teachers to staff to parents to Board members from all across our SU are focused both on getting our students the best education we can, but doing it as frugally as possible. That is the focus of Act 46, and of those involved with exploring the merger possibilities. The plan that is now approved by the State (that you can see at the link above) does this and will allow all the students which are currently in different district to come together and have more opportunities while not breaking the bank.

In brief, the plan is that the towns of Landgrove, Peru, Weston, Londonderry, Dorset and Manchester will vote by Australian ballot on March 7 to merge into the Taconic and Green District. All the voters of these towns must vote yes, by town, for the merger to happen. The towns of Sunderland, Danby and Mount Tabor will also vote on the same proposal, but they need not vote yes for the merger to go through. They will need to surrender school choice for 7th and 8th grade (though there is some grandfathering language in the proposal to

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help families through the transition). If we vote yes, then the Mount Towns RED Board will dissolve in June 2018 and all decisions and budgets will be managed by the new “Taconic and Green School District” Board. This new District will have 9-12th grade choice, just as we do now, and the Annual Meeting we have with the Mountain Towns RED will go away replaced by day-long votes, by Australian ballot, on Tuesday Town Meeting Days going forward. We will form a new RED, and thus renew many of the financial incentives we enjoyed as the Mountain Towns RED.

What this will do for students is give the new Taconic and Green Board the ability to look across a much larger District to best manage resources for all students, whether it is to increase opportunities for extra curriculars like band or chorus, or to have enough students to have a regular Algebra I class (or higher!), or to increase the number of languages offered across the District. These are only a few examples of things that are now difficult to do because we are all separate districts.

Forming this new District will probably not decrease the budget. The Northshire Committee ran the numbers on what the proposed district would look like from a budget standpoint. In short, the numbers do not break even and become cost effective until we form a new and larger Supervisory Union. A number of people have been in talks with other current or newly-formed districts about a new SU and we expect to find the same level of cooperation with those districts as we have in forming the Taconic and Green District such that we will be able to form a new SU to replace the Bennington-Rutland SU (BRSU). At that point, we will likely gain the economies of scale needed to make the merger cost effective. And the State has agreed preliminarily to a waiver allowing us to pursue this possible new SU sooner rather than later.

On March 7th, along with voting on the merger, we will also be voting on new School Directors for the Taconic and Green Board. You will be asked to vote for someone to represent you from Landgrove, but you will also be voting for additional At-Large representatives from the larger towns. See Articles 9 and 10 of the proposal (at the link above) for details on the new Board formation and voting.

These are very interesting times to be in Vermont and involved in education. If you have any questions about Flood Brook or Act 46, please feel free to reach out to me either by email at jefflearylandgrove@gmail.com or 824-5394.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Cleary

Landgrove School Director

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Northshire Merger Study Committee Report

NORTHSHIRE MERGER STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Voters,

On March 7th, you will be presented with a ballot question asking whether or not your school district should merge into the *Taconic and Green Regional School District* with five other neighboring districts. At first glance this question may seem like a simple and one-dimensional one, but there are many merger-related issues I encourage you to become informed with before you head to the polls. The Northshire Merger Study Committee, which I am honored to chair, has worked diligently since last May to create a thoughtful merger report and now it is working to inform the public of what the proposal entails. While I do not have the space in this letter to give you a detailed summary of the proposed merger, I do want to take this opportunity to answer some basic questions and to explain how you can become more informed before Town Meeting time.

Why are we looking at merging school districts to begin with?

The primary reason we are exploring a merger is Act 46. This is not to say that a merger would be unwise without the existence of this school governance reform legislation. Before Act 46, in 2012, the Landgrove, Peru, Weston, and Londonderry school districts voluntarily merged into the Mountain Towns RED (Regional Education District).

What is Act 46?

Act 46 is an education law passed by the state legislature in 2015 that uses tax incentives to encourage "school districts to merge into larger units...in an effort to better serve students and better manage costs" (Tiffany Danitz Pache from VT Digger). As Act 46 is currently written, it is very likely that a school district will be forced to merge if it does not do so on its own volition.

What is a merger study committee and why do we have one?

Under Vermont law, districts are required to form a study committee with representatives from the member districts. The committee is required to study the benefits and implications of merging. After studying the possible merger, the committee writes a report that recommends if merger is advisable or not. Our committee unanimously agreed merger is advisable.

Which school districts are involved in the proposed merger?

The districts of Danby, Dorset, Manchester, Mountain Towns RED (Londonderry, Landgrove, Peru, and Weston comprise this unified district), Mt. Tabor and Sunderland.

What will be the status of school choice in the proposed district?

If the merger is approved, all 9-12 grade students will have school choice.

What would happen to our existing school boards if the merger was approved?

If this merger is approved in all the voting electorates, then your current school board would be dissolved, effective July 1, 2018 and replaced by the new 13-member school board representing the Taconic and Green Regional School District.

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How do I learn more about the implications and benefits of merging?

To get the detailed run-down of the proposed merger, I recommend reading our merger report which was approved by the State Board of Education. You can read this document, along with many more, at our website: <https://sites.google.com/site/northshiremergerstudy/>. I also recommend you follow us Facebook (@northshiremergerstudy) and that you attend one of the following forums:

Date	Location	Time	Intended Audience Forum is Designed For
January 31	Currier School in Danby	6:30pm	Danby and Mt. Tabor residents
February 4	Currier School in Danby	3:00pm	Danby and Mt. Tabor residents
February 9 (snow date March 3)	Flood Brook School	6:30pm	Intended for all districts
February 28 (snow date March 1)	Sunderland Elementary	6:30pm	Sunderland Residents
March 2 (snow date March 3)	Manchester Community Library	6:30pm	Intended for all districts

The following document is a sample ballot that voters in the towns of Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Sunderland, and Weston will vote on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Polls are open in all towns from 7am to 7pm. We are required by law to include all the language that you see on the ballot.

Following the ballot is a Notice to Voters information sheet as well as information on the New Board Nomination and Election Process for the board members for the proposed Taconic and Green Regional Education District.

Please feel free to contact me if you have more questions.

Sincerely,
Jon Wilson
Chair of the Northshire Merger Study Committee
jon.wilson@brsu.org
802-379-8472

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OFFICIAL BALLOT TOWN OF _____ MARCH 7, 2017

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

To vote, fill in the oval to the left of your choice(s), like this: ● Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval. If you wrongly mark, tear or deface the ballot, return it and obtain another. You can vote for candidates from all towns in Article ____.

Article__: Shall the voters of the _____ Town School District vote to form the Taconic and Green Regional School District ("Union School District") on the following terms:

1. The districts listed below shall all be identified as "necessary" for the formation of the Union School District:
 - The Dorset Town School District
 - The Manchester Town School District
 - The Mountain Towns Regional Education District

The districts listed below shall be identified as "advisable" for the formation of the Union School District.

- The Danby Town School District
 - The Mt. Tabor Town School District
 - The Sunderland Town School District
 - Union School District #23 (Currier Memorial School)
2. The Union School District will operate schools in Grades Kindergarten through Eight (K-8) and tuition students in Grades Nine through Twelve (9-12) to provide education for all students in the Union School District.
 3. The Union School District Board of Directors shall be composed of thirteen (13) directors if all advisable districts vote in favor of the merger. Directors shall be nominated from the legal voters of each forming town and shall be elected on an at-large basis by Australian Ballot vote by the voters of the Union School District. Directors shall have equal votes and shall be allocated as based on the following merger scenarios:

- a. All advisable districts vote in favor of the merger

TOWN	NUMBER OF DIRECTORS
DANBY	1
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
MT. TABOR	1
PERU	1
SUNDERLAND	1
WESTON	1
DANBY, DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	4
TOTAL	13

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- b. All advisable districts except Danby and Mt. Tabor vote in favor of the merger

TOWN	NUMBER OF DIRECTORS
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
PERU	1
SUNDERLAND	1
WESTON	1
DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	3
TOTAL	10

- c. All advisable districts except Sunderland vote in favor of the merger

TOWN	NUMBER OF DIRECTORS
DANBY	1
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
MT. TABOR	1
PERU	1
WESTON	1
DANBY, DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	4
TOTAL	12

- d. None of the advisable districts vote in favor of the merger

TOWN	NUMBER OF DIRECTORS
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
PERU	1
WESTON	1
DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	3
TOTAL	9

4. Real Estate and Personal Property

- A. No later than June 30, 2018, the forming districts will convey to the Union School District, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, all school-related real estate and personal property owned by them, including all school-related land, buildings, and contents.
- B. Disposal of Real Estate. In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the forming districts is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall convey such real property, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, to the town in which it is located, except as provided below for any properties conveyed to the Union School District by either the Mountain Towns Regional School District or Union School District #23.

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In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by the Mountain Town Regional School District is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall sell such real property, subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors, and return the proceeds of any such sale to the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, and Weston in amounts equal to the relative proportion of the population of these towns.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by Union School District #23 is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall first offer to sell such real property, for the sum of One Dollar, subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, to the Town of Danby. If the Town of Danby does not desire to purchase said property, the Union School District shall then offer to sell the property to the Town of Mt. Tabor under the same terms and conditions. If the Town of Mt. Tabor does not desire to purchase said property, the Union School District may sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors.

The conveyance of any school properties to a town shall be conditioned upon the town owning and utilizing the real property for community and public purposes for a minimum of five years. In the event a town elects to sell the real property prior to five years of ownership, the town shall compensate the Union School District for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the Union School District and prior to the sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, the Union School District shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors.

5. Transfer of Funds

- a. Capital Debt. The Union School District shall assume all capital debt of forming districts, including both principal and interest, as may exist at the close of business on June 30, 2018.
- b. Operating Fund Surpluses and Deficits. The Union School District shall assume any and all general operating surpluses and deficits of the forming districts that may exist at the close of business on June 30, 2018. In addition, reserve funds identified for specific purposes will be transferred to the Union School District and will be applied for said purpose unless otherwise determined through appropriate legal procedures.
- c. Specified Funds. The forming districts will transfer to the Union School District any preexisting school district specific endowments or other restricted accounts that may exist on June 30, 2018. Scholarship funds or like accounts held by school districts prior to June 30, 2018, that have specified conditions of use will be used in accordance with said provisions.

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6. Australian Ballot. The Union School District voters shall vote on the budget and other public questions by Australian ballot with polling places provided in each member town. Ballots will be delivered to the Union District Clerk and commingled for counting.
7. The provisions of the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement approved by the State Board of Education on December 20, 2016, which is on file at the offices of the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union, shall govern the Union School District.

☐ YES

☐ NO

Article __: To elect the following directors to the initial board of directors of the Taconic and Green Regional School District:

A. Danby – 1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March 2021

(vote for not more than ONE)

☐ _____ ☐ _____ (WRITE-IN)

B. Dorset – 1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March 2020

(vote for not more than ONE)

☐ _____ ☐ _____ (WRITE-IN)

C. Landgrove – 1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March 2020

(vote for not more than ONE)

☐ _____ ☐ _____ (WRITE-IN)

D. Londonderry – 1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March 2021

(vote for not more than ONE)

☐ _____ ☐ _____ (WRITE-IN)

E. Manchester – 1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March 2021

(vote for not more than ONE)

☐ _____ ☐ _____ (WRITE-IN)

F. Mt. Tabor – 1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March 2020

(vote for not more than ONE)

☐ _____ ☐ _____ (WRITE-IN)

G. Peru – 1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March 2020

(vote for not more than ONE)

☐ _____ ☐ _____ (WRITE-IN)

H. Sunderland – 1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March 2020

(vote for not more than ONE)

☐ _____ ☐ _____ (WRITE-IN)

I. Weston – 1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March 2021

(vote for not more than ONE)

☐ _____ ☐ _____ (WRITE-IN)

J. AT-LARGE DIRECTORS – 4 Directors for a one (1) year term

(vote for not more than FOUR)

☐ _____ ☐ _____ (WRITE-IN)

☐ _____ ☐ _____ (WRITE-IN)

☐ _____ ☐ _____ (WRITE-IN)

☐ _____ ☐ _____ (WRITE-IN)

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Notice to Voters

Danby, Dorset, Manchester, Mt. Tabor and Sunderland School Districts and Towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru and Weston

In accordance with the Report and Articles of Agreement prepared by the Danby, Dorset, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Mountain Towns Red and Sunderland Act 46 Study Committee, an election will be held on March 7, 2017 to elect an initial board of school directors for the Taconic and Green Regional School District, if its formation is approved by the voters.

The following 13 directors will be elected from the identified school districts/towns:

Danby	1 Director	Three year term expiring in March of 2021
Dorset	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Landgrove	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Londonderry	1 Director	Three year term expiring in March of 2021
Manchester	1 Director	Three year term expiring in March of 2021
Mt. Tabor	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Peru	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Sunderland	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Weston	1 Director	Three year term expiring in March of 2021
Danby, Dorset Londonderry, Manchester	4 Directors *	One year term expiring in March 2019

** At-Large Directors - Four (4) directors are to be elected from the four (4) largest districts/towns (Danby, Dorset, Londonderry, Manchester). All nominees from the four districts/towns will be listed on the ballot that is submitted to voters in all districts/towns. The four (4) nominees receiving the most votes will be elected. The seats will be 3 year terms in March 2019.*

*** All seats expiring in 2020 will become 3 year terms in 2020.*

If you are interested in running for one of the non-"at large" director positions, you must file a nomination petition signed by at least 30 voters in that district or one percent of the legal voters in the town, whichever is less, with the respective town clerk on or before 5:00 PM on February 6, 2017.

If you are registered voter in Danby, Dorset, Londonderry or Manchester, and are interested in running for one of the "at large" director positions, you must file a nomination petition signed by at least 60 voters in the districts of Danby, Dorset, Londonderry or Manchester with a town clerk of one of these four districts on or before 5:00 PM on February 6, 2017. Petitions may be obtained from your town clerk. If you have any questions, please contact the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union at 802-362-2452.

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Taconic and Green School District

New Board Nomination and Election Process

- The electorate will vote on the proposed merger on March 7, 2017. Also with that vote, they will be electing the board members for the proposed district should the merger be approved.
- The board election is an at large Australian Ballot format, where the electorate of the entire proposed district will vote for each board member. This means that the ballot in every town in the proposed new district will have thirteen seats for each legal voter to vote on. Terms will be staggered after this initial election.
- Each of the nine towns in the district - Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Mt. Tabor, Manchester, Peru, Sunderland and Weston - will have one "Town Seat" on the new board.
- The four largest towns in the proposed district - Danby, Dorset, Londonderry and Manchester - will have the opportunity to nominate residents from their towns to four "At Large Seats" to complete the board total of 13 seats.
- In the towns nominating candidates for both Town Seats and At Large Seats, the candidates must designate which seat they are running for.
- The terms of office for the School Directors shall be one, two or three years respectively plus the additional months between the date of the Organizational Meeting of the Union School District, when the initial school directors will begin their terms of office, and the date of the Union School District's annual meeting in the spring of 2018. The seats designated for one, two or three year terms are explained under Article 8 of the Articles of Agreement being proposed by the Northshire Merger Study Committee.
- Should towns that are designated "Advisable", under the Articles of Agreement being proposed by the Northshire Merger Study Committee, vote not to approve the merger those/that towns' votes will not count towards the at large voting for candidates of the new board. Also, should advisable towns vote not to approve the merger, the board structure will vary (all towns in the new district will have one Town Seat no matter the outcome of the advisable towns' vote on the merger). These variations are described under Article 8 of the proposed Articles of Agreement.
- Nominations for a Town seat are to be made by filing with the clerk of that town, a statement of nomination signed by 30 voters in that town or one percent of the voters in that town, whichever is less and accepted in writing by the nominee. A statement shall be filed not less than 30 nor more than 40 days prior to the date of the vote. For the purposes of this vote, a statement must be filed between January 26, 2017 and February 6, 2017.
- Nominations for any of the At Large Seats may come from a resident of the four largest towns in the proposed new district, Danby, Dorset, Londonderry and Manchester. Candidates must file a statement of nomination signed by at least 60 voters in the districts of Danby, Dorset, Londonderry or Manchester with a town clerk of one of such districts on or before 5:00 PM on February 6, 2017. For the purposes of this vote, a statement must be filed between January 26, 2017 and February 6, 2017.
- The vote shall be warned in each proposed member school district by the school board of that district, and the vote shall be by Australian ballot.
- The vote shall be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

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Londonderry Solid Waste Group Report

THE LONDONDERRY SOLID WASTE GROUP

Serving the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Weston, Windham

The Londonderry Solid Waste Group (LSWG) is committed to developing programs and policies that reduce the amount of waste disposed in landfills, increase recycling and maximize hazardous waste collections. In 2015 LSWG completed and adopted a solid waste implementation plan (SWIP) which can be read at www.londonderryvt.org/recycletransfer/solid-waste-plan/

In 2016 LSWG held an **electronics** collection in May and two **hazardous waste** collections the first Saturday in June and the first Saturday in October. You can find information about these collections for 2017 at www.londonderryvt.org. To find year-round electronics collection sites see <https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/EWaste/facilitylist.aspx>

You don't have to wait for a hazardous waste collection event to dispose of latex and oil based **paints**. Visit www.paintcare.com to find locations that will accept used paint for free.

Many retail stores accept **fluorescent bulbs**, both tubes and **CFLs** and alkaline and rechargeable **batteries**. Londonderry Hardware accepts both. Sigda's Servistar will accept your batteries as will the Londonderry Transfer Station and Londonderry Town Office. To find other battery collection sites visit www.call2recycle.org.

Did you know that **textiles** like clothing, linens, etc. can be bagged and brought to the Larry Daley shed at the transfer station? All items **must be clean and dry**, no must, no mildew and in plastic bags

As of July 1, 2016, the following items have been **banned from the landfill (trash)**:

- *Aluminum and steel cans
- *Aluminum foil and aluminum pie pans – clean please
- *Glass bottles and jars from foods and beverages
- *Plastics #1 and #2 (PET and HDPE resin types)
- *Corrugated cardboard
- *White and mixed paper
- *Newspaper, magazines, catalogues, paper mail, and envelopes
- *Box board – Cereal boxes and such but not the inserts
- *Leaf and yard debris and clean wood

These materials can be recycled at the transfer station plus food scraps and many other materials.

*A complete list of all materials banned from the landfill and all materials that you can recycle at the transfer station as well as an **A-Z list** of how and where to dispose of just about everything can be found at <http://londonderryvt.org/LondonderryRecycle/RecycleMain.html>.

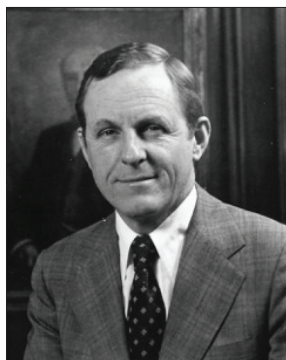
As always your comments and questions are welcome. You can contact your recycling coordinator, Esther Fishman, at londonrecycle@vermontel.net.

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Some faces we miss seeing around town.



Nick Van Dyck 1933 - 2016



Jim Mills 1923 - 2016



Edward "Budge" Bouton 1925 - 2016



Lee Amato 1945 - 2016



*Dottie Thatcher
1919 - 2016*

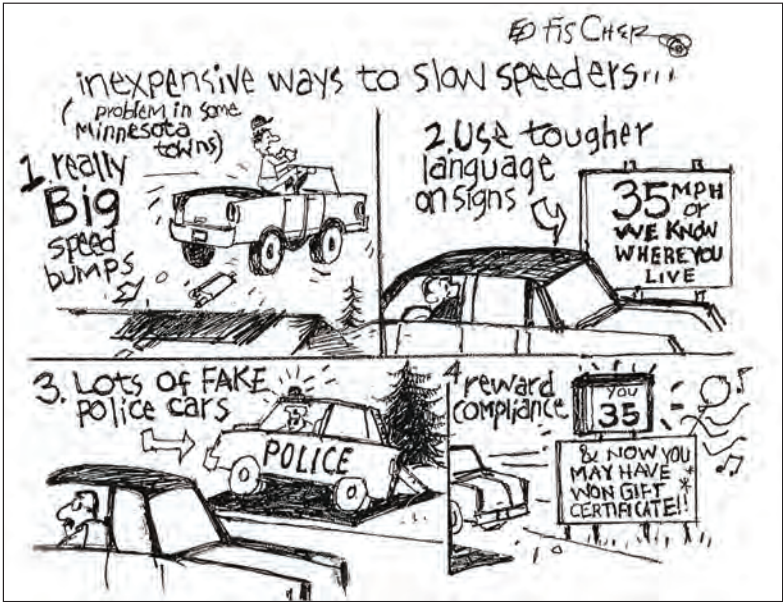


John F. Good 1936 - 2016



*Barbara Seuling
1937 - 2016*

Other options considered by the Select Board...



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